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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

ON SOUTH AFRICA.

1. AFTERNOON PAPERS OCT .31 HEADLINED " UN CONDEMNS HOMELANDS" AND " NEW MOVE TO BAN SA SPORT". RESOLUTIONS SUMMARIZED AND A A FEW OF THE MORE MODERATE COMMENTS BY NETHERLANDS, BRITISH AND AUSTRALIA WERE NOTED. PRETORIA NEWS NOTED THAT " OFFICIAL CIRCLES"

INDICATED THAT THE MOVE WAS NOT UNEXPECTED, BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO COMMENT UNTIL ALL DETAILS HAD BEEN STUDIED. STAR EDITORIALIZED THAT

SINCE GA ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION ON HOMELANDS ALMOST FOREGONE CONCLUSION, IT REPRESENTED VICTORY FOR ANTI-APARTHEID ELEMENTS. BUT IT WIDENS CREDIBILITY GAP EXISTING AT UN ALREADY, " SINCE AMONG THOSE SITTING IN JUDGMENT ARE COUNTRIES FAR LESS VIABLE THAN TRANSKEI." TRANSKEI ITSELF SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED, SAYS STAR, FOR AS IT TURNS OUT " IT IS ONLY BLACK THAT GETS SNUBBED NOW, AND BY PEOPLE FROM WHOM THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED A LITTLE UNDERSTANDING."

2. SABC MORNING COMMENTARY TOOK LINE THAT ACTION ON HOMELANDS
DEMONSTRATED LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION AND WAS
FURTHER ILLUSTRATION OF IRRESPONSIBILITY WHICH MADE ONE
QUESTION WORTH OF UN. IT CONCLUDED WITH APPROVING QUOTATION
FROM RECENT MOYNIHAN CRITICISM OF UN.
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